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## 1-1 Cav team registers mortars at Falcon

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CAMP STEEL FALCON, Iraq - Similar in concept to the M-16 "zeroing" process, but very different results when a 1st Squadron, 1st Cavalry Regiment, 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division, mortar section registered, or "zeroed" their weapons system on Friday in southern Baghdad.

Using the large 120mm mortar ammunition round, the seven-man mortar team from Apache Troop, based in Bodingen, Germany, was quick to place rounds within 50 meters of their intended target to register the team's weapon.

"Our goal is to put rounds on the target," said Sgt. 1st Class David Yomes, 32, from Tacoma, Wash., mortar section sergeant.

Using long-range tactical radios to "walk" the impacts of the high-explosives to within meters of a known target in an open field, forward observers who were positioned more than 3,000 meters from the loud, thunderous thump of gun powder launching the 30-pound munitions, were able to allow the gunners to registered their tubes using only a few rounds.

As the mortar plate settled into the mud-like swap of Camp Steel Falcon from the harsh shock of the cordite launching the rounds that instantly rocketed into the clouds, the crackling sounds of the distant forward observers calling minute corrections gives the team knowledge they are only one or two rounds from registering and calling it quits for the afternoon.

After two successful near impacts and the third mortar round already in the hands of the assistant mortar gunner, "Check Firing, Check Firing, Check Firing!!" screamed across the radio speakers from the brigade tactical operations center, which halted all fire-mission activities instantaneously. As team members echoed the commands, the round was slowly placed back into the protective casing and members of the team looked dazed on what could be causing such an action. Anything from innocent bystanders entering the impact zone to aerial disasters waiting to happen can stop all mortar registration missions.

Several minutes later, two UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters appeared over the 20-foot-high wall separating Camp Steel Falcon from the rest of southern Baghdad, stopping all mortar registration activities.

Although the chances of a small round impacted a moving aircraft is slim, the phrase, "Big bullet, little sky," is how the aviators see mortar and artillery rounds, said Maj. Rick Bower, DIVARTY fire support officer.

Bower said because of safety systems built into the mortar registering process, any aircraft flying near the path of a mortar round automatically ceases all fire missions.

After a few minutes, the sounds of the rotor blades increasing speed and lifting the aircraft up and out of sight of the team, brought the adrenaline rush back to the muddy mortar pits.

Within seconds, the mortar team transformed from a



casual, friendly chat to the shouts of rigged mortar commands. With the "green" light from the brigade headquarters tactical operations center, Yomes' crew quickly readjusted their tubes and readied a third mortar round again.

Using the mortar ballistic computer, Yomes was able to accurately and quickly determine any corrections to the direction, elevation and the amount of explosive charge used to zero in on the stationary target.

"It definitely helps me determine the firing solution for my guns," he said after successfully registering his mortar tubes. "Within two minutes, we are able to send rounds down range and on target because of the advance firing system we have today."

With the earth-shattering thump and the smell and site of expelled smoke, the team sent another round safely down range and on target to ensure their calculations were correct.

"The best thing about working with mortars is you can shoot and hit them, but they can't see you," said Pfc. Obie Adler, 21, from Manchester, N.H.

Although the whole science of slide rulers, charts and basic instinct are almost long gone and the age of high-tech computers and weather detachments assisting the delivery of effective, lethal explosives more than 3 kilometers away, Adler said it still takes the soldier to get the job done.

"I love this job," he said. "No one understands us, but everyone wants to drop a round in the tube."

## **NEWS**

### **Bush Takes Economic Message to Missouri**

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) - Shadowing Democrats through primary states, President Bush highlighted upswings in the U.S. economy Monday at an engine plant in Missouri, a state he won in a tight contest in 2000 and has been tirelessly courting ever since. "We're growing," Bush said during a brief stop in Missouri, his 15th presidential trip to the swing state. "The growth is good. New jobs are being created. Interest rates are low. Home ownership in America is at the highest levels ever."

### **Operative Sought al-Qaida's Help in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - An anti-American operative in Iraq appealed for help from al-Qaida leaders to help spark a sectarian war between Shiite and Sunni Muslims in an effort to "tear the country apart," U.S. officials said Monday. The officials confirmed a report Monday in The New York Times about the alleged plan, which was outlined in a 17-page letter that U.S. forces confiscated from an al-Qaida suspect in Iraq.

### **Witness Didn't Know Stewart Tip Was Wrong**

NEW YORK (AP) - The star witness against Martha Stewart testified Monday that he did not believe he was doing anything wrong when he passed her the tip that led to her sale of ImClone Systems stock. Former brokerage aide Douglas Faneuil, who handled the stock sale in 2001, also testified that the homemaking mogul never encouraged him to lie.

### **Gov't Ends Search for Mad Cow Disease**

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Agriculture Department is ending its search for additional cases of mad cow disease even though officials have not found several animals suspected of having eaten the potentially infectious feed believed to have caused the only known U.S. case. "Our investigation is now complete," Dr. Ron DeHaven, the department's chief veterinarian, said Monday.

### **Kerry's Rivals Wage Effort to Slow Him**

John Kerry's rivals tried Monday to slow his brisk pace toward the Democratic nomination for president, with John Edwards and Wesley Clark searching for upset wins in two Southern states and Howard Dean beseeching Wisconsin voters "to keep this debate alive." As Edwards and Clark concentrated on Virginia and Tennessee, which hold primary elections on Tuesday, Kerry ignored his rivals while campaigning in Virginia and criticized President Bush on foreign policy.

### **Diana Ross Convicted of DUI**

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) - Diana Ross was convicted Monday of driving under the influence and ordered to spend two days in jail. The R&B diva, who telephoned into the city court hearing from New York, pleaded no contest to DUI. Two related charges were dropped.

## **In other news...**

### **Movie Popcorn Pioneer Dies at 85**

BOYNTON BEACH, Fla. (AP) -- Samuel M. Rubin, who helped make popcorn the popular snack at movie theaters, has died. He was 85.

Rubin, known as "Sam the Popcorn Man," died Thursday in Boynton Beach, said his daughter, Karen Rubin. Popcorn became a staple at movie theaters during the Great Depression. From 1934 to 1940, the nation's annual popcorn harvest grew from 5 million to 100 million pounds.

Marty Winter, who worked with Rubin during their careers of more than 60 years in the movie concession business, said Rubin saw popcorn being made in Oklahoma City during a visit around 1930 and started selling it at concessions he controlled when he returned to New York.

But Rubin's daughter and another longtime business colleague, Carl Levine, said it was not until the early 1950s that Rubin began to sell popcorn in a major way.

At the time, his company, ABC Consolidated, now part of the Ogden Corporation, had the refreshments concession for major movie chains in the New York metropolitan area, including RKO, Brandt and Loews.

### **Ark. Escapee Tries to Buy Bolt Cutters**

MAGNOLIA, Ark. (AP) -- James Cotton looked just like any other Wal-Mart customer buying a bolt cutter at 4:30 in the morning - until the cashier noticed that Cotton was wearing handcuffs.

According to police, the clerk took Cotton's money, gave him the bolt cutter, then called officers. Cotton was caught minutes later Saturday, after he had gone into the bathroom and cut off the handcuffs.

Cotton had been arrested the night before by the Haynesville, La., police on charges of battery and possession of a narcotic, but he kicked out a window in a police car and fled, authorities said.

### **FCC Chief Defends Halftime Show Probe**

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) -- Federal Communications Commission chief Michael Powell defended his decision to investigate Janet Jackson's surprise breast-baring during the Super Bowl halftime show.

"I have had much more applause than negative comments," Powell said Sunday.

Jackson was near the end of a halftime duet with Justin Timberlake during the Feb. 1 game when he snatched off part of her bustier on stage, revealing a breast clad only in a sun-shaped "nipple shield" to some 89 million viewers.

"I believe in letting things happen, but I do believe that the mark of a civilization is what it doesn't let happen," he said.

Powell said the FCC, which grants licenses for use of the public airwaves, enforces complaints about indecency on a weekly basis without drawing media attention. The FCC is charged with enforcing statutes that bar indecency, he said.

## Today in History...

### February 10, 1962: SPIES SWAPPED:

(HISTORYCHANNEL.COM) On February 10, 1962, American spy pilot Francis Gary Powers is released by the Soviets in exchange for Soviet Colonel Rudolf Abel, a senior KGB spy who was caught in the United States five years earlier. The two men were brought to separate sides of the Glienicker Bridge, which connects East and West Berlin across Lake Wannsee. As the spies waited, negotiators talked in the center of the bridge where a white line divided East from West. Finally, Powers and Abel were waved forward and crossed the border into freedom at the same moment--8:52 a.m., Berlin time. Just before their transfer, Frederic Pryor--an American student held by East German authorities since August 1961--was released to American authorities at another border checkpoint.

In 1957, Reino Hayhanen, a lieutenant colonel in the KGB, walked into the American embassy in Paris and announced his intention to defect to the West. Hayhanen had proved a poor spy during his five years in the United States and was being recalled to the USSR, where he feared he would be disciplined. In exchange for asylum, he promised CIA agents he could help expose a major Soviet spy network in the United States and identify its director. The CIA turned Hayhanen over to the FBI to investigate the claims.

During the Cold War, Soviet spies worked together in the United States without revealing their names or addresses to each other, a precaution in the event that one was caught or, like Hayhanen, defected. Thus, Hayhanen initially provided the FBI with little useful information. He did, however, remember being taken to a storage room in Brooklyn by his superior, whom he knew as "Mark." The FBI tracked down the storage room and found it was rented by one Emil R. Goldfus, an artist and photographer who had a studio in Brooklyn Heights.

Emil Goldfus was Rudolf Ivanovich Abel, a brilliant Soviet spy who was fluent in at least five languages and an expert at the technical requirements of espionage. After decorated service as an intelligence operative during World War II, Abel assumed a false identity and entered an East German refugee camp where he successfully applied for the right to immigrate to Canada. In 1948, he slipped across the Canadian border into the United States, where he set about reorganizing the Soviet spy network.

After learning of Hayhanen's defection, Abel fled to Florida, where he remained underground until June, when he felt it was safe to return to New York. On June 21, 1957, he was arrested in Manhattan's Latham Hotel. In his studio, FBI investigators found a hollow pencil used for concealing messages, a shaving brush containing microfilm, a code book, and radio transmitting equipment. He was tried in a federal court in Brooklyn and in October was found guilty on three counts of espionage and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment. He was sent to the federal penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia.

Less than three years later, on May 1, 1960, Francis Gary Powers took off from Peshawar, Pakistan, at the controls of an ultra-sophisticated Lockheed U-2 high-altitude reconnaissance aircraft. Powers, a CIA-employed pilot, was to fly over some 2,000 miles of Soviet territory to Bodö military airfield in Norway, collecting intelligence information en route. Roughly halfway through his journey, he was shot down over Sverdlovsk in the Ural Mountains. Forced to bail out at 15,000 feet, he survived the parachute jump but was promptly arrested by Soviet authorities.

On May 5, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev announced that the American spy aircraft had been shot down and two days later revealed that Powers was alive and well and had confessed to being on an intelligence mission for the CIA. On May 7, the United States acknowledged that the U-2 had probably flown over Soviet territory but denied that it had authorized the mission.

On May 16, leaders of the United States, the USSR, Britain, and France met in Paris for a long-awaited summit meeting. The four powers were to discuss tensions in the two Germanys and negotiate new disarmament treaties. However, at the first session, the summit collapsed after President Dwight D. Eisenhower refused to apologize to Khrushchev for the U-2 incident. Khrushchev also canceled an invitation for Eisenhower to visit the USSR.

In August, Powers pleaded guilty to espionage charges in Moscow and was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment—three in prison and seven in a prison colony.

At the end of his 1957 trial, Rudolf Abel escaped the death penalty when his lawyer, James Donovan, convinced the federal judge that Abel might one day be used either as a source of intelligence information or as a hostage to be traded with the Soviets for a captured U.S. agent. In his five years in prison, Abel kept his silence, but the latter prophecy came true in 1962 when he was exchanged for Powers in Berlin. Donovan had played an important role in the negotiations that led to the swap.

Upon returning to the United States, Powers was cleared by the CIA and the Senate of any personal blame for the U-2 incident. In 1970, he published a book, *Operation Overflight*, about the incident and in 1977 was killed in the crash of a helicopter that he flew as a reporter for a Los Angeles television station.

Abel returned to Moscow, where he was forced into retirement by the KGB, who feared that during his five years of captivity U.S. authorities had convinced him to become a double agent. He was given a modest pension and in 1968 published KGB-approved memoirs. He died in 1971.

# The Old Ironsides Report

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Start Time	SPORTS	ATLANTIC	SPECTRUM	PACIFIC	NEWS	KOREA	Start Time
0:00		HEADLINE NEWS	KEN BURNS' HISTORY OF JAZZ - SWING THE VELOCITY OF CELEBRATION 937	TODAY		TODAY	0:00
0:30		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO			ARMY NEWSWATCH		0:30
1:00			HORATIO HORN BLOWER (07, YR. 182) - THE FIRE SHIPS		LESTER HOLT LIVE		1:00
1:30		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN					1:30
2:00	SPORTSCENTER			SESAME STREET	HEADLINE NEWS	SESAME STREET	2:00
2:30		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD			NBC NIGHTLY NEWS		2:30
3:00		4 QTRS	ROCKET POWER - : THE GOOD HOUSEKEEPING SEAL WHAT'S THAT SMELL?	TELETUBBIES - : NUMBERS 2	ABC WORLD NEWS TONIGHT	TELETUBBIES - : NUMBERS 2	3:00
3:30	NBA - SACRAMENTO KINGS @ MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES	BASEBALL TONIGHT	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	CBS EVENING NEWS	RUGRATS - : MEANING TOMMY	3:30
4:00		NHL - BOSTON BRUINS @ PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	THE SIMPSONS - : TWO CARS IN EVERY GARAGE	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	CNBC: THE NEWS	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	4:00
4:30			THE COSBY SHOW - : RUDY SUITS UP				4:30
5:00			CHARMED - : NYMPHS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	HANNITY & COLMES	THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW	5:00
6:00	NBA - PHILADELPHIA 76ERS @ SEATTLE SUPERSONICS		THE X-FILES - : YOUNG AT HEART	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	THE NEWS HOUR	NBC NIGHTLY NEWS	6:00
6:30		ESPNEWS		JUDGE JUDY		JUDGE JUDY	6:30
7:00		HEADLINE NEWS	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALS - : GATES OF HELL	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	BET NIGHTLY NEWS	ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	7:00
7:25				GUIDING LIGHT		GUIDING LIGHT	7:25
7:30		ESPNEWS			NIGHTLY BUSINESS REPORT		7:30
8:00		HEADLINE NEWS	LAVA HUNTERS - : LIVING ON THE EDGE		LARRY KING LIVE		8:00
8:15				GENERAL HOSPITAL		GENERAL HOSPITAL	8:15
8:30	INSIDE THE NBA	HEADLINE NEWS					8:30
9:00		SESAME STREET	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER - : FOREVER	HOUSE OF MOUSE - : BIG BAD WOLF DADDY	NEWSNIGHT WITH AARON BROWN	PRIMETIME	9:00
9:30	TOTALLY NASCAR			ALL GROWN UP - : CHUCKIE'S IN LOVE			9:30
10:00	SPORTSCENTER	TELETUBBIES - : NUMBERS 2	IRON CHEF - : TAROPOTATO CHEN VS KUNISHIKO HASHIMOTO	KIM POSSIBLE (TV-7) - : KIMITATION NATION	PAULA ZAHN NOW	THE MUMMY: THE ANIMATED SERIES (TV-7) - : AGAINST THE ELEMENTS	10:00
10:30		WHEEL OF FORTUNE		MY LIFE AS A TEENAGE ROBOT (TV-7) - : EAR NO EVIL UFO UNLICENSED FLYING OBJECT		MY LIFE AS A TEENAGE ROBOT (TV-7) - : EAR NO EVIL UFO UNLICENSED FLYING OBJECT	10:30
11:00	COLLEGE BASKETBALL - ACC: GEORGIA TECH @ MARYLAND	THE DR. PHIL SHOW	ROCKET POWER - : THE GOOD HOUSEKEEPING SEAL WHAT'S THAT SMELL?	JEOPARDY!	NIGHTLINE	JEOPARDY!	11:00
11:30			THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS	HEADLINE NEWS	HEADLINE NEWS	WHEEL OF FORTUNE	11:30
11:45		THE OPRAH WINFREY SHOW					11:45
11:52				PACIFIC REPORT			11:52
12:00			THE SIMPSONS - : TWO CARS IN EVERY GARAGE	ESPNEWS	HARDBALL WITH CHRIS MATTHEWS	ESPNEWS	12:00
12:30			THE COSBY SHOW - : RUDY SUITS UP	HEADLINE NEWS		ADVISORY BLOCK	12:30
12:35		GUIDING LIGHT					12:35
12:52				PACIFIC REPORT			12:52
1:00	SPORTSCENTER		CHARMED - : NYMPHS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN	THE SIMPSONS - : THE PRESIDENT WORE PEARLS	THE O'REILLY FACTOR	THE SIMPSONS - : THE PRESIDENT WORE PEARLS	1:00
1:17		GENERAL HOSPITAL					1:17
1:30				THAT 70'S SHOW - : HEY HEY WHAT CAN I DO		THAT 70'S SHOW - : HEY HEY WHAT CAN I DO	1:30
14:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - THQ WORLD SUPERMOTOS GP (250CC)	HEADLINE NEWS	THE X-FILES - : YOUNG AT HEART	SURVIVOR: ALL-STAR	PRIMETIME	SURVIVOR: ALL-STAR	14:00
14:30		JUDGE JUDY					14:30
15:00	NHL - BOSTON BRUINS @ PHILADELPHIA FLYERS	TODAY	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALS - : GATES OF HELL	24 - : DAY 2 2:00 A.M. - 3:00 A.M.	GOOD MORNING AMERICA	24 (YR. 9) - : 6:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.	15:00
16:00			LAVA HUNTERS - : LIVING ON THE EDGE	HEADLINE NEWS		HEADLINE NEWS	16:00
16:22				PACIFIC REPORT		PACIFIC REPORT	16:22
16:30				TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO		TONIGHT SHOW WITH JAY LENO	16:30
17:00	SPORTSCENTER	HOUSE OF MOUSE - : BIG BAD WOLF DADDY	BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER - : FOREVER		HEADLINE NEWS		17:00
17:30		ALL GROWN UP - : CHUCKIE'S IN LOVE		THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	CHANNEL ONE	THE LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN	17:30
17:45					ABC WORLD NEWS THIS MORNING		17:45
18:00	AROUND THE HORN	KIM POSSIBLE (TV-7) - : KIMITATION NATION	IRON CHEF - : TAROPOTATO CHEN VS KUNISHIKO HASHIMOTO		THE EARLY SHOW		18:00
18:30	PARDON THE INTERRUPTION	MY LIFE AS A TEENAGE ROBOT (TV-7) - : EAR NO EVIL UFO UNLICENSED FLYING OBJECT		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD		ACCESS HOLLYWOOD	18:30
19:00	SPORTSCENTER	JEOPARDY!	ROCKET POWER - : THE GOOD HOUSEKEEPING SEAL WHAT'S THAT SMELL?	WEIRD SCIENCE		RUSH HOUR	19:00
19:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE FAIRLY ODDPARENTS				19:30
20:00	MOTORCYCLE RACING - THQ WORLD SUPERMOTOS GP (250CC)	ESPNEWS	THE SIMPSONS - : TWO CARS IN EVERY GARAGE		FOX NEWS LIVE		20:00
20:30		HEADLINE NEWS	THE COSBY SHOW - : RUDY SUITS UP				20:30
20:45				NATIONAL LAMPOON'S ANIMAL HOUSE		JAILHOUSE ROCK	20:45
21:00	SPORTSCENTER	THE SIMPSONS - : THE PRESIDENT WORE PEARLS	CHARMED - : NYMPHS JUST WANNA HAVE FUN		PRIMETIME		21:00
21:30		THAT 70'S SHOW - : HEY HEY WHAT CAN I DO					21:30
22:00	ROME IS BURNING	SURVIVOR: ALL-STAR	THE X-FILES - : YOUNG AT HEART		FOX NEWS LIVE		22:00
22:30				CINEMA SECRETS - : WHEN FANTASY BECOMES REALITY		CINEMA SECRETS - : WHEN FANTASY BECOMES REALITY	22:30
23:00	PGA TOUR - NISSAN OPEN SECOND ROUND	24 - : DAY 2 2:00 A.M. - 3:00 A.M.	NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALS - : GATES OF HELL	TODAY	HEADLINE NEWS	TODAY	23:00
23:30					INSIDE POLITICS		23:30